

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**  
**DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES**  
**NEWS RELEASE**



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**UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 40**  
**EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-38-12**

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 40 closes set gillnetting in all waters of the Northern District of Upper Cook Inlet on Monday, August 20, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. until further notice.

The Little Susitna River coho salmon sustainable escapement goal (SEG) is 10,100–17,700 fish. Through August 18, approximately 72% of the run has historically passed upstream of the weir, which is located at river mile 32.5. The weir count through August 18, 2012 was 2,937 fish. Run timing can be highly variable for coho salmon; however, at this time, even based on a record late run-timing model, the SEG is projected to not be met.

In addition, due to below average runs of coho salmon in Knik Arm drainages, the Division of Sport Fish has issued an emergency order closing sport fishing for coho salmon in all waters of the Knik Arm Management Area, excluding the Eklutna Tailrace.

Therefore, it is prudent to keep the commercial set gillnet fishery closed in all waters of the Northern District until coho salmon runs improve enough that escapement objectives are assured.